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SUBJ: LOS-REQUEST FOR MINERAL DATA

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1. INFORMATION REQUESTED BY REFTTEL IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. PRODUCTION AND PROVEC RESERVES, OFFSHORE AND ONSHORE:

NONE.

B. ESTIMATED RECOVERABLE RESERVES: ONSHORE-NONE:

OFFSHORE-NO FIGURES STATED BUT 1968 ECAFE STUDY INDICATED

PRESENCE OF PROMISING SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURES UNDER EAST

CHINA AND YELLOW SEAS.

C. NO OFFSHORE WELLS COMPLETED IN 1972. ONE YELLOW SEA

WELL WAS SUSPENDED DECEMBER 1972 DUE BAD WEATHER, AND NOT

REOPENED. DURING FIRST HALF 1973 FOUR EXPLORATORY DRY HOLES

IN YELLOW SEA, EAST CHINA SEA AND KOREA STRAIT WERE PLUGGED

AND ABANDONED. NO DRILLING NOW UNDERWAY. ALL WELLS WERE AT

LESS THAN 200 METER WATER DEPTH. NO PRODUCING WELLS.

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D. SEVEN CONCESSIONS WERE IN EFFECT DECEMBER 31, 1972.

GOVERNMENT SOURCE ESTIMATES ABOUT 20,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS IS BEYOND 200 METER DEPTH IN EAST CHINA SEA. SMALL PORTION NORTH OF KOREA STRAIT IN ANOTHER CONCESSION IS ALSO BEYOND 200 METER ISOBATH.

E. OFFSHORE EXPLORATION EXPENDITURES, 1972: ROKG-\$600,000; U.S. COMPANIES AND KOREAN SUHBSIDIARIES \$4,080,000; NON-U.S. COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY \$3,400,000.

F. SEE SEOUL'S A-175, MAY 30, 1973 FOR TRADE DATA.

2. MARINE PLACER DEPOSITS: NONE.
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